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A little Jamaican Friend poses beside the Cascade Chapel up Cedar Valley in Jamaica.

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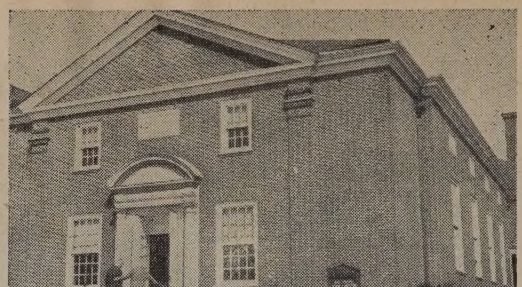

In excellent weather, Friends gathered in good numbers for the Yearly Meeting, March 30 through April 3 at Homewood Meetinghouse shown above. The Yearly Meeting coincides with Stony Run, General Conference. Yearly Meeting and joint sessions are held two days of the period.

The evening public meetings highlighted the Yearly Meeting. Thomas S. Brown of Westtown spoke to us on Wednesday, taking for his subject "A Revaluation of the Local Meeting." Clarence Pickett gave the Carey Memorial Lecture using for his subject, "Means and Ends, a comparison of our conduct and belief." Harrop A. Freeman of Cornell University spoke on "Quaker Integrity." An innovation of congregational singing was greatly appreciated by Friends for a thirty minute period prior to the Wednesday evening meeting.

On Saturday evening Young Friends held a panel discussion at the Stony Run meeting house. The subject was "How can the local meeting provide adequate resources for Friends to meet the world situation." Lewis Snyder addressed the Annual Meeting of the United Society of Friends Women. He had recently returned from a tour of the overseas service centers of the A. F .S. C.

Leonard Hall spoke on the concerns of the Five Years Meeting; Lewis M. Hoskins on the A. F. S. C., E. Raymond Wilson on the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

Attractive programs were arranged for the Juniors, the Hi-Q's and the Young Friends. Lewis M. and Betsy Hoskins of Clinton Corners, New York, gave excellent leadership to the Junior Yearly Meeting.

Items from the business session include the request of Washington Monthly Meeting (Irving Street) to use their funds to help set up a new United Meeting in the Northeast section of Washington, D. C. A committee was appointed to study the possibility of the two Yearly Meetings finding a common meeting place to hold future Yearly sessions.

Two surprises came to Friends. The Earlham Concert Choir was in town and they gave Friends a thirty-minute concert. On Friday evening a television set was set up in the Homewood Meetingroom in order that the program of Edward R. Murrow's interview with Clarence Pickett could be seen.

Visitors were welcomed from Germany, Indiana, New England, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Philadelphia, Pacific and Wilmington Yearly Meetings.

James A. Coney.

Quakers Go to Russia

Six American Friends are now on a month's good will visit to Russia. Clarence Pickett, leader of the group, hopes that the trip, added to Quaker concern for peace over the years, will help in better understanding for both nations.

Other Friends on the delegation are Wroe Alderson, senior partner of a firm of consulting economists and concerned Philadelphia Friend; William B. Edgerton, assistant professor of Russian at Pennsylvania State University; Eleanor Zelliot, assistant to the editor of **The American Friend;** Hugh W. Moore, former North Carolina Friends pastor and long-time finance secretary of the American Friends Service Committee; and Stephen G. Cary, head of the American work of the Service Committee.

Clarence Pickett and Eleanor Zelliot sailed for England May 13. Others of the group will fly over, and the total group will meet in Leningrad June 1 to begin the four-weeks' visit. They hope to see, among other things, the place where the family of Daniel Wheeler, a Quaker sanitary engineer who worked many years in Russia in the 19th Century, is buried in Leningrad; the cities of Kiev, and Moscow; a collective farm; a mental hospital; Russians with whom Friends have had previous contact; and as much of the ordinary life of the Russian people as is possible. Friends worked in Russia during the famine years after the war and, more recently, donated the Noble Peace prize money to buy streptomycin for Russian medical use.

The travelling Friends hope to interpret their trip and their findings to Friends Meetings and Yearly Meetings upon their return early in July.

After all there is but one race—humanity. —George Moore.

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Jamaica --- Gem Of The Caribbean

Errol T. Elliott, Editor of this journal and General retary of the Five Years Meeting, recently visited ends Yearly Meetings in the Caribbean area. His t to Cuban Friends is described in The American end *for April 21. Here are his impressions of the nd of Jamaica and the Yearly Meeting of Friends iving there.*

Beautiful as an air view may be, it is not enough. ough it gives one the sense of great expanse, it lacks th. Great mountains flatten out like the plains und them, and rivers that rush in torrents to the sea like quiet silver ribbons that curl and wind across el lands—one grand sweep of frozen beauty. It re- res both the air and the land views to make the full ression. Jamaica from the air is not only incomplete also less beautiful than Jamaica from the road.

To Heights Superb

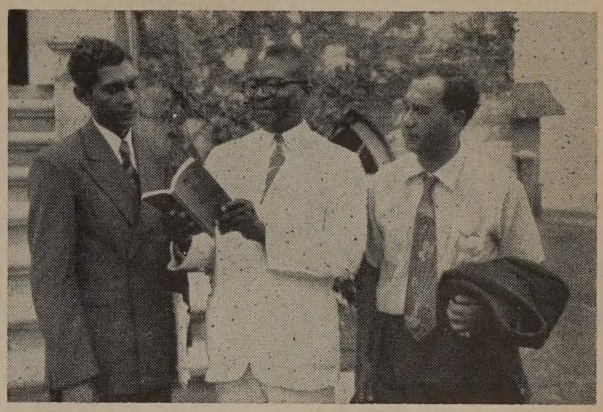
At the airport the girl behind the desk had asked routine question, what my address in Jamaica uld be. When I answered "Highgate," she replied, ow fortunate." How fortuante indeed! I greeted haniah Cunningham, Logan and Opal Smith and ily, and Martha White Miller, who had come to et me, and we were on our way. How far to High- e? I inquired. A foolish question where miles do not nt—let it be five or five hundred. It's the road that ters, not its length; the scenery, not the distance. ng this thirty-five miles of winding, twisting moun- roads there are exquisite views at every turn. It wonderland of tropical vegetation, carpeting great ntain slopes between which one now and then apses the Caribbean shimmering in the sun.

Onward and upward we wound our way to the mit called Highgate, to the schools and Meetings t help to comprise Jamaica Yearly Meeting of ends. One looks from the porch of the mission home vn on mountain peaks and across them to the Carib- n.

Out of History

But Friends are not in Jamaica either for their lth or the scenery. It is the people who really count . who, in their particular needs and potentials, drew lier Friends magnetically to this land. It was discov- d by Columbus on his second voyage in 1494. More n one hundred years later, Admiral Penn, the father William Penn, wrested this island from Spain and ed it to the British Empire. Later George Fox visit- the island in 1671 and found a large number of ends whom he drew into an entity as a kind of Quak- implantation. What happened to them in the suc- ding years no one knows. The rigors of pioneer liv- , the ravaging diseases and the influx of new peo- s may be combined to wipe them out as a Quaker ony. In the 19th century, British Friends were alert he sufferings of the population and in 1837 sent Jo- h Sturge and Thomas Harvey to investigate the ap- nticeship system. When from America Evi Sharp- , accompanied by William Marshall, went there in l and started a service which later became the Ja- ica Mission and still later the Jamaica Yearly Meet- of Friends, there appeared to be no Quakers on the nd.

The story of Friends in Jamaica from that time to present is a story too long to tell here, but one ich has called forth the interest of Friends for more



Clerks of Jamaica Yearly Meeting: left to right, Donald Williams, Recording Clerk; Zephaniah Cunningham, Presiding Clerk; Clarence Webb-Harris, Assistant Presiding Clerk.

than seventy-five years. Iowa Yearly Meeting was chiefly responsible for that work until it was turned to the Board of Missions of the Five Years Meeting. The names of the missionary stalwarts include also Arthur and Alma Swift, Mary E. White and Sada Stanley, (the latter two still live at Highgate), Alice Kennedy, living now in America, and Alsina Andrews. The latter is buried with other Quaker heroes in the little open air "Westminster-by-the-sea" at Seaside. In this same burial plot Montclair Hoffman, Stephen Nugent and others lie, their tombs blown by the sea breezes and with the muffled roar of the breakers their eternal requiem. What memories were revived, what dreams were seen fulfilled as I visited with Sada Stanley and Mary White!

Jamaica Today

The home of Gilbert Farr, an earlier missionary, where our contemporary Friend, Wendell Farr of William Penn College, was born, marks the path of Friends service up Cedar Valley. That is indeed a valley that makes unforgettable impressions. It lies not between hills, but between mountains of magnificent heights. One who drives up its winding roads feels like singing his thoughts. He is in the mood of the Psalmist, How marvelous are thy works O Lord!

Yet how closely beauty and great need are often associated. Farmers on steep mountain sides may be literally encompassed with the surrounding glory of the hills and yet be hungry, even poverty-stricken. One therefore must look upon Cedar Valley in terms of its population, its farmers who must battle the very slopes from which their food is grown. Erosion at once becomes a Christian missionary problem. It is not enough to help people endure their lot, though patience, attended by corrective work, is a virtue. But Cedar Valley economy is not all alike, there are good valley farms, such as that of the Benn sisters who live in the mill house made famous in Quaker history by Evi Sharpless who made it a mission center.

Our very consecrated Friends, Charles and Mabel Vincent with their son Cecil drove the fifteen miles up Cedar Valley to Cascade Chapel for a Good Friday meeting. There we worshipped with nearly fifty Friends who came both from the bottom of the valley and its walls. We sang together and thought together about the meaning of what transpired on the world's highest mountain, Mt. Calvary. There is no valley nor

The membership class of 22 young people received into Highgate Meeting in Jamaica at Easter time is shown here, with Zephaniah Cunningham, the pastor, in the back.

height that is inaccessible to that universal, redemptive love of Christ. A dinner stop at the home of the Benn sisters brought us not only rest and relaxation but also a close touch of history in the old mill home of Evi Sharpless.

This was the week of Easter and each of our meetings seemed to have a special program much like those of our Children's Day in America. Sometimes the program included twenty to forty numbers whereby every child had a part and in which the audience added interspersing hymns. These hymns from the Fellowship Hymnal are good, thoughtful and inspiring. They do not jingle in their music or ideas, but are deeply worshipful. Jamaican Friends sing good hymns. Dover Meeting, also in the care of the Vincents, presented a pageant depicting the life of David. The participants felt their parts and did very well.

So well did our devoted and cordial Friend Zephaniah Cunningham plan the Jamaican schedule that I was able to be in nine Meetings in ten days, meeting and speaking to Friends. There was the Sunday morning at Belfield, the Easter program at Albany where Noel Palmer serves as minister and where a new bell was being dedicated. There was Quaker Hill (a name familiar to American Friends) with the children doing their very acceptable parts on the Easter program. All these gave me the general impression of the nature of life and work among Jamaican Friends.

Highgate is indeed a center of great importance in the life of Jamaica Yearly Meeting. There is the Swift-Purscell Home for Boys with its crowded dormitory soon to be relieved by the new building whose foundations are rising nearby, the woodwork shop, the craft shop at the bottom of the hill and near the elementary school, the Lyndale Girls Home (sparked by the lives of Sadie Vernon and Phulmat Brown) with Goddard home for small girls nearby, the continuation school (with Ena da Costa in charge) about two miles away where practical and advanced education is offered, and, we can rightly say, at the center of all is the Highgate Meetinghouse where boys and girls attend and where Zephaniah Cunningham, the gracious pastor, shepherds his flock. I witnessed and helped to welcome the large membership class, pictured in these pages. The guiding mind and spirit of Martha White Miller is the other essential part of this grand service to boys and girls under the Friends Educational Council, of which she is the principal. It is not possible to list all the persons who so many ways are a part of this growing community spiritual service.

The Yearly Meeting Sessions

These busy days of visitation moved forward a upward (though geographically downward) to Yearly Meeting sessions at Seaside, the other ma center of school and church life. We stopped on way to Yearly Meeting at Port Antonio where M White has given so many years of loving service. P Antonio needs a pastor and the Friends who assemb for meeting that evening pressed that need upon me seems so right and essential that surely an answer w be found.

No other name would so well fit Seaside with high rock cliffs against which the Caribbean wa spend themselves in the endless rhythm of the sea. C can sit in the church building at Seaside, hear discussion of Yearly Meeting business while looki across the vast expanse of water where the ships their way between world ports, and feel the sea bre which cools the warmer hours of the day.

The compound includes the Meetinghouse, a sch building and dormitory for the Happy Grove School boys, the new home for the principal which Logan a Opal Smith now occupy and the home for Arthold a Cathryn Latham and children. Logan Smith serves headmaster of the School and superintendent of Yearly Meeting while Arthold Latham serves as pas of Seaside, Amity Hall and Longroad Meetings. Hor Smith, brother of Logan, was busily engaged in the stallation of the new lighting plant for the seasi buildings.

The Yearly Meeting hymn was a perfect selecti As one looked out across the Caribbean and in imagi tion, beyond the sky-sea horizon saw other lands a peoples, dotted with clusters of Friends within the c cern of the Friends World Committee, it was easy sing:

Father of men, in whom are one
All humankind beneath thy sun,
'Stablish our work in Thee begun.

Except the house be built of thee,
In vain the builders toil must be;
O strengthen our infirmity.

Man lives not for himself alone,
In others good he finds his own;
Life's worth in fellowship is known.

Guide us to seek the things above,
The base to shun, the pure approve,
To live by the free law of love.

The Vincents serve Cedar Valley Friends Meeting in Jam ca. Pictured here are Mabel and Charles Vincent, their Cecil and the little girl who lives with them.

These were part of the sessions: e report of the Friends World mmittee; the question of a Ca-bean conference of Friends with maica, Cuba, Florida Friends d others of the area represented; e appointment of delegates and ernates to the Five Years Meet-g sessions thereby also securing endance at the Sixth meeting of e Friends World Committee; the cognition of Noel Palmer as a corded minister; the review of rk by the Friends Educational uncil; the appointment of Zeph-i a h Cunningham, Clarence ebb-Harris and Donald Williams the clerks.

'If you could have one request ly granted to you what would it ?" I asked many Friends. With-t hesitation the answer came, "A eeting in Kingston to appeal to r young people who go there for rk and to make their homes." hether a Meeting with that pur-se would attract large numbers these young Friends is unknown t that the project should be at-mpted is definitely accepted—the st popular concern, apparently w in the Yearly Meeting. A short it with the existing Friends eeting in Kingston in the present operty reveals that there was a adiness to be helpful in what ay turn out to be two types of eetings in Kingston.

The way of Jamaica Yearly eeting of Friends is not easy. iends there steer a course be-een the emotional sects on the e hand which offer a kind of ex-ession to people whose lives are st in dreary circumstances and the other hand the highly ritu-

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flections from London

ritish Friends and the New Towns

George H. Gorman

For a recent family outing, we cided to revisit a village to which e had not been for some months. arrival we were amazed to find r village transformed into a dern town. On every side rows pleasant houses, shops and pub-buildings, all in the contempor-y style, were to be seen. Our vil-ge had become a "new town."

With comparable speed similar wns are growing up around Lon-n and other large centres to ac-commodate the spill-over of popu-lation. In all, fourteen new towns are planned and will represent an increase of nearly half a million people in the areas in which they are being established.

Challenging Opportunities

These new towns present British Quakers with some challenging problems, not least because of the concentration of them in particu-lar areas. In the compass of Bed-fordshire Quarterly Meeting, whose total Quaker membership is 1,334, four new towns are being built. This means an increase in the general population of 140,000 per-sons. The Quarterly Meeting, feel-ing that the opportunities and dif-ficulties should be shared by Friends as a whole and not left to the few who actually live in the new towns, presented the issues in-volved to Meeting for Sufferings. Here, in the smallness of Quaker numbers, lies one of our chief prob-lems. By and large the people who go to live in the new towns are not the kind who naturally and easily find their spiritual home within the Society. They do not go to the new towns because they are idealists who desire a modern environment in which they may live and bring up their children. They go because the factories in which they are em-ployed move out of London to these development areas.

The few Friends who dwell in the new towns are for the most part professional people — the town's officials, doctors and school teachers. They would be the first to welcome the great opportunities they have for Quaker evangelism, especially in their contact with people through their work. Real as these openings are, the Quakers in these towns want to make some corporate witness to their faith. To this end they desire to have ade-quate premises in which to hold their meetings for worship, and ad-ditional weekday activities.

The question of obtaining pre-mises constitutes the second big problem for Friends in the new towns. Under the legal arrange-ment governing their development, a Christian community which wants to have a church in the cen-tral area must purchase a site and promise to erect a building on it within a certain period of time. For some churches, such as the Anglic-ans and Methodist, who can count on finding a fair number of their members among the residents of the new towns, no problem comes at this point. But for Friends who probably will only be able to mus-ter a few adherents a big difficulty arises.

A Change in Policy

Traditionally it has been the practice of London Yearly Meeting not to erect Meetinghouse premises until a local group is well estab-lished, the early gatherings of the group taking place in a Friend's home or in hired premises. If how-ever, Friends in the new towns wait until such a group arises, they will find that the best central sites have gone and only those on the periphery are available.

As Friends over here reflect on this, they are coming to feel that this time-honored policy must be changed, and to quote a minute of the Friends Home Service Commit-tee, "where there is a group of Friends meeting for worship in these places, their Monthly Meet-ings should feel able to look for sup-port from the Society generally, in-cluding finance, to assist in the pur-chase of a site and the erection of a building, as they seek to make their Quaker witness."

The other major challenge of the new towns is how a Society like ours, which tends to be "middle class," can effectively speak to the condition of new town dwellers, who are predominantly "working class." One thing is clear from the experience of recent months—good housing and modern amenities do not fully satisfy the needs of peo-ple. The inhabitants of the new towns show signs of restlessness, loneliness, and evidence of the "God-shaped gap in the human heart."

One Friends' Response

That our Society can rise to meet this need is demonstrated by the case of Emily Moore, an elderly Friend and a writer by vocation.

She was living in the garden city of Letchworth enjoying a comfort-able existence to which she had every right after a life-time of service. She became sensitive to the needs of people in the new towns, sold her home and moved to Harlow, one of the new towns, to give what loving service she could in the community center there. No one can measure the impact of her venture—but it certainly has been great on people who have realized how much she cares for them.

It is in such acts of loving serv-ice, which respond to personal needs, that the Christian Gospel and the Quaker interpretation of it can be shared with the new town dwellers.

Our Opportunity to Teach

By Harold Smuck

Harold Smuck, pastor of the Valley Mills Meeting in Indiana and acting Youth Secretary for the Five Years Meeting, writes here of Vacation Church School from his experience in his own Friends Meeting. At a time when many Friends are in the midst of preparations, this article may offer guidance and encouragement.

If we should try to teach our children reading and writing and all the other basic tools of living in one class session a week, we'd almost certainly be among the most frustrated people on earth. That wouldn't be enough time, and it wouldn't come often enough.

One trouble with our religious education is often that all the time we have is a single forty-five minute period once a week. On top of that most of our teachers are volunteers without any special training. Most of our rooms are far less than adequate if compared to any reasonably up-to-date public school building. And many of our pupils, since they come voluntarily, don't mind missing a third to half of the sessions we do have.

Anything that can give us a chance to do a better job in the Christian education of our children is worth considering seriously. One of the opportunities that has proved effective through the years is the Vacation Church School. Friends have not used this program as widely as they might, but it is one of the *very best ways* of helping children grow religiously.

Some Friends may want to think of a substitute term for "church." And some may want to call it a "Bible School" since the great basic textbook is of course the Bible. But, whatever we call it, it is still a school conducted in vacation time by a church, or meeting.

A two-week school conducted two and a half hours a day, or three hours is as great an opportunity, time-wise, as six months of Sunday School. And this presupposes that in the case of the children the *whole* Sunday School hour, will be operated *for* the children, rather than having them spend fifteen minutes as bystanders during an adult assembly period, or "opening exercises."

A Vacation Church School is a great opportunity. But, like all opportunities, it is good only if used wisely. And it can be used wisely only if careful plans are made.

Six weeks ahead of time is hardly soon enough to start planning. Two to three months time is far better. Dates must be set earl teachers secured, text books chos and ordered. Teachers must ha time to study their texts, decide projects, and order literature a supplies well in advance. Startin only six weeks ahead leaves not minute to be wasted.

Vacation church school is t business of the Religious Educati Committee (or its equivalent) your meeting. That committ must make at least two basic d cisions. It must decide whether have a school. And it must eith chose a director or appoint a sma capable sub-committee to see t project through. It must also aware that there are costs and willing to pay. It is a good idea place this financial item in the tot church budget for the fiscal year.

Joining with other churches in community vacation church scho is, for most meetings, a live poss bility that ought to be weighe carefully. It makes for easier s curing of a better staff. It mak for a united Christian effort th can speak with a strong voice t the whole community. It is *not* way to save money or shirk r sponsibility.

If the Friends meeting is to ope ate a school, the next step after d ciding on one and delegating r sponsibility, is for the responsib persons to choose a staff of teac ers and assistants. In small schoo up to perhaps fifty or sixty chi dern, a kindergarten, a primary, junior, and perhaps a junior hig teacher will be sufficient. Each on will need an adult or youth assis ant: and two assistants may b needed in large classes of young children. It is usually wise to set strict lower age limit of four.

Selection of textbooks is anothe task to be done early. Whoeve makes the decision should weigh carefully. Competent advice is a near as your telephone or your p and stationery. Write Children Department, Five Years Meetin 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmon Ind. Use this department freel

Since Friends do not produc their own vacation church Scho courses, it is usually best to use i terdenominational books. First co sideration can very well be give to the "cooperative texts," so cal ed because they are produced c operatively by many denomina tions. Friends help in their produc tion. Olaf Hanson, our children Secretary and Editor, is writin one of these, to be published i

Elizabeth Hoskins of Clinton Corners Meeting in New York is shown at the laboratory school at Northfield, Mass. She taught the kindergarten group there, using her own Friends course of study, "Discoveries in God's World."

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Board Meeting Highlights

The annual meetings of the Boards and Committees of the Five Years Meeting held in Richmond, Indiana, every April, which culminate in the annual session of the Executive Council, mark a time of fellowship and re-acquaintance as well as a period of hard work.

These pictures show a few of the Friends who gathered at Richmond this year, and suggest some of the activities of the Boards. Freda Hadley, President of the United Society of Friends Women, attended the meetings of the Mission Board and those of the Executive Council. To her left is Ruth Hockett of North Carolina and to the right Mary Harlan, President of the U. S. F. W. at First Friends, which held a tea for all Board members.

Ruth Hockett, Freda Hadley, Mary Harlan

An exciting part of all Mission Board Meetings are those moments when new missionaries are introduced and appointed. Graham Leonard, who will graduate from Syracuse University this spring, has been named pastor to the Ramallah Meeting in Jordan. Levinus Painter, pastor at Collins Meeting in New York, is a long-time Mission Board member and has been a visitor to the Ramallah area.

The Board on Peace and Social Concerns looked over some of the visual aids used to promote its message. Merton Scott, Secretary, showed Roy Clampitt, member of the Board from Iowa Yearly Meeting, the flip chart which explains the ways and means of the draft, and just how a boy can register as a conscientious objector.

Graham Leonard and Levinus Painter

Three members of the Board on Christian Education, which met in the Amy Marvel parlor at First Friends Meetinghouse, are shown on page 161. Harold Smuck has been acting as Youth Secretary for the Board since last summer. Margaret Terrell, a farm housewife from New Vienna, Ohio, has four children who enable her better to serve as Chairman of the Adult and Christian Home Life Committee. Robert M. Jones, pastor of the Muncie Friends Meeting, has been serving as member-at-large on the Board.

See *Quaker Action* for a more complete write-up of the Board sessions.

Merton Scott and Roy Clampitt

Literature in Review

All books reviewed in these columns may be purchased through the Friends Book and Supply House, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, Indiana.

Declaration of Freedom, by Elton Trueblood; Harpers; 124 pages; $1.50.

Among peoples of the West there seems to be two dominant attitudes toward communism. One is vocal and decidedly negative. The other is quiet and passive. Perhaps it is because of the emphasis on violence and force that some of us have despised the former attitude; we have not been happy with being quiet but we have thought it to be more constructive than simply being *anti*-communist.

Both of these positions are shown to be wrong and sinful in Elton Trueblood's book. Nothing but a positive witness, a "declaration of freedom," can preserve and extend democratic values. "The major hope for peace lies not in armaments, however important they are, but rather in ideas . . . If we do not have the ideas the demonstration is not likely to occur, but without the demonstration the words and ideas seem insincere."

Declaration of Freedom is a readable philosophical presentation of the values of our Western democratic Christian tradition. Demonstration of these ideas and values—politically, economically and spiritually—is our hope. Six basic freedoms are suggested: the freedom to learn, to debate, to worship, to work, to live and to serve. The tension between liberty and equality is sharply described and delineated. The dignity of each individual person is emphasized. The climax comes with a positive statement of our "ground of hope," namely, the religious foundations of our faith.

This is a small volume that would make exciting study material for any group. Buy the book, read it, and then encourage your friends to do the same; and then get together for a discussion and "declare freedom."

Truman Whitaker.

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Cairo to Cape Town, by Reginald Reynolds; Doubleday and Company; 370 pages; $5.00.

In this descriptive travelogue, Reginald Reynolds has given evidence of the vast amount of travel one can accomplish in a period of six months employing methods of travel more consistent with the continental culture and economy. The only way really to discover how people live and think is to sit where they sit. This the author of *Cairo to Cape Town* did on his remarkable adventure from North to South on the continent of Africa. He slept in the homes of the nationals, ate their food, rode their taxis and busses, walked their dusty and sometimes muddy roads.

This volume gives an insight into the lives and homes and plans and thoughts and disappointments and heartaches of some African people. In the limited amount of time which was spent in each section of the continent, it was impossible for the author to familiarize himself with the whole truth. Nonetheless, credit should be given to the author for sharing the views which are held by many Africans.

The chapter entitled "Black Quakers and White Mau Mau" captures the attention of American Friends because of the notable work accomplished by the Friends Africa Mission in the confines of East Africa Yearly Meeting. Several statements are misleading in the chapter. One which stated that the secondary school was to be reduced to the status of an intermediate school was erroneous. The author does not have sufficient understanding of the ways of American Friends to recognize the Quaker spirit among the members of the national church. His limited knowledge of the work of the mission did not qualify him to attempt a description of it. He took as factual some of the statements of Africans which should have been verified by others before going to print. However, it should be kept in mind that the author is attempting to portray facts and experiences as he saw and heard them. The aspirations of the mission and of the Yearly Meeting are shared in part through this illuminating chapter. It should be added that some of the very obvious failures of Friends work there as described by the author weigh heavily on the minds of those concerned.

The corruption of the police in the attempted control of Mau Mau terrorism (which is in the main 200 miles from the Friends Mission) is commonly known, and prevailing injustices undoubtedly were responsible for many atrocities both African and European. The suppression of truth is one of the costs of violence, as so ably presented by the author in his depiction of events in and around Nairobi. Recent successful attempts at reconciliation, of course, have transpired since the writing of this book, which the reader ought to keep in mind.

On the whole, the book is an eye-opener and worthy of the attention of the critical observer of world affairs. It is a book similar to many others which have been written by

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MORRIS CHAPEL

Some four miles east of town on Boyleston Road
There once reposed a little country church
To which, on Sabbaths, streams of surreys flowed,
Each filled with pious farmer folks in search
Of inner peace, to pray that grace be shown,
To sing old hymns to an organ's dulcet strains . . . .
All now are gone, their names to us unknown,
No landmark, save the wayside steps, remains.

The world has changed. Vast cornfields now surround
The site, but on that shady grassy plot
No brambles grow, for it is hallowed ground,
From Heaven's height folks see what we cannot;
Hence they perceive their shrine intact, still there,
The organ plays, they softly chant a prayer.

—J. Lewis Schanbacher.

TRANSMITTERS

High on a hill's rough crest
The small dark spruces stand
Like nuns in habits dressed,
A dedicated band
Accompanied yet alone.
Moved by infinite love,
They reverently intone
A message sweet and clear
As the chime of a distant bell
Caught by a radar's ear:
"God is in heaven above"
Their murmurous voices swell.

Sarah E. Gray.

ɔse who have travelled through a
ritory making brief stops with
e purpose in mind of writing a
ɔk. An unbiased view cannot be
nprehended in this manner. I
nmend the author's approach to
e African community.

Charles A. Lampman.

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Good Books on Africa

The Bridges of God, by Donald
Gavran; Friendship Press; pa-
r, $1.50, cloth $2.50.

Contemporary Africa: Trends
d Issues, edited by William O.
own, The American Academy of
litical and Social Science; $2.00.

Africa Today, edited by C. Grove
ines; Johns Hopkins Press; $6.00.

The Pattern of Things to Come
Africa, by George W. Carpenter;
mphlet issued by the Division of
reign Missions, National Coun-
of Churches; 10 cents.

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The Personal Relevance of Truth,
Thomas S. Brown; Pendle Hill
mphlet No. 81; 35 cents.

Tom Brown has written a splen-
d, thoughtful essay on a vital
estion. He believes that we have
nerally rejected truth as an ab-
lute principle. The absolute truth
too high for us. It brings suffer-
g; it is demanding and rigorous.
nd how, indeed, can we know the
solute truth? It is enough if we
arch for the truth. The search is
e thing.

Because our personal and nation-
survival are threatened by the
ward decay of truth, we must be
vakened to our loyalty to the way
Christian Truth, in which there
life and the courage to face the
ffering and the fear which may
me when we live by the Truth.

The power of his message lies in
e fact that Tom Brown speaks
early and simply from his own
ligious insights. It is an urgent
essage which deserves to be
idely read.

William Q. Hale.

Friends World News

The international quarterly,
riends World News, has recently
een revised in its format and con-
nt to become an illustrated, inter-
ational Quaker newspaper. The
ring issue recently released in-
udes a description of the recent
und - the - world "Journey of
riendship" by Dorothy Hutchin-
n as well as news from Friends
many countries around the
world. Parts of the paper include brief pieces in other languages as well as material for children. The summer issue, which will be issued in May, will contain an up-to-the-minute description of the Quaker work at the United Nations by Sydney Bailey and a pictorial description of the work of many yearly meetings' summer camp activities.

The wider distribution of this paper designed to reach all Friends everywhere will help in building bridges of understanding in our Christian fellowship. Group subscriptions are offered to monthly meetings and to other Friends groups on the basis of 10 yearly subscriptions for $4.00, or 25 for $10.00. Requests for subscriptions, or for sample copies, should be directed to the Friends World Committee offices in Philadelphia (20 South 12th Street), or Wilmington, Ohio (Wilmington College).

Correspondence

Approves Missions Article

To the Editor:

I wish to express my appreciation for T. Canby Jones' article, "Mission, The Life of the Church" (April 21, 1955). It is the best that I've read on missions and service. I'm sure that it will inspire us to do more in this area since we understand more clearly the mission of the church.

D. Aldean Pitts.

Xenia, Ohio

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Thanks from Jamaica

To the Editor:

I wish to express the thanks of the Yearly Meeting for the great help which *The American Friend* has been to us in Jamaica.

We have been fortunate to get a supply here so that our Christian Workers under the Evangelistic Board and some of the Head Teachers of our day schools, as well as our retired workers, can sometimes get a copy.

Perhaps you do not realize what this means to us. The only up to date information of Quaker life, work and thought often comes to us through *The American Friend.*

The Discipline does not answer all our questions on Quaker procedure though it is a good guide; but the up to date Editorials of *The American Friend* and the instructive articles answer our questions on matters of the moment.

Some of us have had little experience of Quakerism so this paper is a continual inspiration. It speaks to our condition.

The Easter number is an illustration of this. In trying to explain the Quaker thought on the outward observances of days, the Editorial on "Quakers and Lent" just said it so clearly and fittingly for us.

In dealing with certain problems of our Yearly Meeting about the different attitudes or approaches to worship, the Editorial of March 11, 1954 on "The Quaker that ought to be" helped, and was read at our Yearly Meeting because it spoke to our present problems.

Reference could be made to many other articles especially those by Paul S. Rees on "The Nature of Evangelism," and Russell E. Rees on the Sunday School lessons.

We thank you very much for this medium of fellowship and blessing.

Zephaniah Cunningham.

Highgate, Jamaica

WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA,

Friends who are expecting to locate in or near Whittier, California, the "Quaker Capital of the west coast," are cordially invited to correspond with Howard W. Cope, c/o Brown Realty Co., 315 E. Philadelphia St., Whittier, California.

Harold Smuck, Margaret Terrell and Robert Jones talk during a break at the Board on Christian Education sessions.

(See page 159)

The Sunday School Lesson

By Russell E. Rees

June 12

Young King Josiah

II Chronicles 34:1-12

Two lessons will be devoted to the reign of Josiah, usually regarded as one of the best kings of Judah. He came to the throne at the age of eight years, so obviously the credit for events in the first years of his reign do not belong to him exclusively. He must have had adult advisors. It appears likely that Hilkiah, the high priest was one of these, and one sees the influence of the priests and the religiously motivated persons in much of the activity attributed to Josiah.

The time of Josiah's reign is given as about 640 to 609, or thirty one years. In the familiar Chronicles pattern, he is called a good king who "did what was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David." At 16 years of age, having then been king for eight years, he had what must have been a personal religious experience, and four years later, at the age of 20, he began his work of reformation.

The activities attributed to him include destroying the high places where the foreign gods were worshipped, cutting down the sacred groves, getting rid of the idol worship, both carved and molten images, razing the altars of Baal and even burning the bones of the priests of the foreign cults on their own altars.

So intense was his desire to purge the nation and cast out the evils of false gods that he continued his reforms far beyond the limits of his own kingdom, carrying out his purges in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, Simeon and Naphtali. Just how effective these reforms were beyond his border we cannot be sure.

Having now eliminated the main centers of alien religions, he undertook to re-establish the religion of Jehovah. Taking an offering among the tribes, he took it to Hilkiah the high priest and began the work of restoring the temple.

It was supposedly during the renovation of the temple that the workmen came upon what was thought to be an ancient document by the hand of Moses. This book, certainly most of the book of Deuteronomy, was destined to make a great impression upon the king and the people, and to have played a significant part in the immediate reforms of religion, but also to have been the one book which kept the people true to their faith during the period of the exile.

This book of Deuteronomy was written, it is now believed, by certain priests of Jerusalem, who had been greatly influenced by the writings of the Prophets of the preceeding century, and also by the teachings of Moses. They attempted to join these two important sources of Hebrew religion, and judged by the influence of the book, were highly successful.

Here again we have the illustration of the influence of one individual, upon the life of the nation. Josiah takes on the stature of a great king because he had a mind to worship and to follow the way of Jehovah, and because he took as his example none other than his ancestor, David. The teaching values of the lesson are to be found in trying to see our own times a little clearer in the light of these events. I suppose if there is a single sentence which might be taken as the text of this series of lessons it might be this, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

June 19

Josiah Keeps the Passover

II Chronicles 35:1-6, 16-19

The results of the discovery and the reading of the book found in the temple began to appear very soon in the life of the people. Josiah undertook to bring back the glory of the temple, and to try to carry out the law of religion regarding sacrifices and offerings. In order to dramatize the reforms he was instituting, Josiah made plans to recover the feast of the Passover, commemorating the flight of the children of Israel from Egypt.

This was not to be an ordinary passover feast, but was to be a spiritual festival of faith. These priests were instructed in their responsibilities, and were sent back to their tasks in leading the people in the religious observance. The Levites were sent also to teach the people and help prepare for th celebration. Evidently the passov had been so poorly kept that mar people did not even know how observe it.

The steps in preparation for real festival of faith are here e umerated. The ark was to be r turned to its proper place in th temple. It has been suggested th the Levites had been holding p rades in the city, with the Ar leading the parades, instead of b ing the center piece in the Ho of Holies. In other words, the r ligion of the people had becom largely one of show and pretens But the Ark was to be the "aboc of the Most High," not the dru major of a parade. Josiah returne it to its proper place according the practice of David and Solomo

The second step was the carefu following out of the instructio regarding the killing of the pasc lamb. This was specifically arran ed for, and the arrangements we recalled by the new book of th law.

The third step was the self-prep ration of the people. It was th opinion of the leaders of Judais that great religious experiences d not just happen, but are the resu of much effort and self-disciplin The whole nation had become car less and lukewarm in their rel gious observances, and so the na tion had fallen away from God an His way. By thoughtful prepar tion, all were now to be ready fo a meaningful celebration of th ancient feast.

The question cannot be easily pu aside. What is the heart of religion Are spectaculars and Great Da important? The Friends have a ways been wary of anything whic looked like ostentation, and prob ably remember that Jesus refuse to be drawn off into demonstration of bravado or showmanship.

How can the great events of th church year, for us Christmas an Easter especially, be kept from be coming mere spectaculars and eye catching extravaganzas? Do peopl grow spiritually by leaps an bounds, or by the steady, eve processes of growth? Is it mor nearly true to say that both ar true, and that the task of each of u is to learn how to turn the impor tant times of rapid growth into th channels of ordinary spiritua growth?

Lessons based on "International Sunday Scho Lessons; the International Bible Lessons f Christian Teaching," copyrighted 1951 by t Division of Christian Education, National Cou cil of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Friendly Life—Far and Near

lengthy interview with D. Elton eblood on the subject "America's v Religious Vitality," appeared in the mopolitan magazine for April.

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oward E. Kershner will give the erican Heritage Lectures at Fuller ological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., n May 9-13 this year.

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. Vail Palmer, Jr. is now serving as ister of the Friends Meeting at Gonic, v Hampshire. He was administrative stant of the Central Committee for ıscientious Objectors.

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Iabel G. Bailey, wife of Moses Bailey the Hartford Seminary Foundation, been elected Vice President of the ınecticut Council of Church Women. recently visited in the Near East to- ıer with her husband for the Amer- ı Friends Service Committee.

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lmore Jackson, Richard R. Wood and nuel Levering are members of the vly reorganized International Affairs partment of the National Council of urches. Elmore Jackson and Richard od have been asked, in addition, to ve as members of the Department's icy Committee.

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Phillip and Susie Frazier, Friends and ian-Americans, will be among the ders of the Boulder School of Mis- ns, to be held June 19-25 at Boulder, orado. Phillip Frazier will speak on of the School of Mission's subjects, ian-Americans, and Susie Frazier will ve as Director of Music.

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The dates of Canada Yearly Meeting ve been announced as June 23 to 27. Yearly Meeting will be held at kering College, Newmarket, Ontario, ıada. Visitors from other Yearly etings are welcome. Anna Brinton l speak on June 25 on Friends work Japan today.

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The spring meeting of the Friends His- ical Association will be held at Lon- Grove Meetinghouse in Chester ınty, Pennsylvania, on May 21. Arthur James will speak on "Some Chester ınty Quaker Craftsmen, 1750-1850." rangements have been made for visits five historic places connected with ly Friends.

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Dr. Kelley Hale of Wilmington, Ohio, had an exhibit of oil paintings at Wilmington College May 1-17. At the conclusion of the exhibit, he presented his recently completed oil, "A Quaker Gentleman," to the college. It will hang in the college library as a companion piece to "A Quaker Lady," which he gave to the college several years ago.

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The Tax Refusal Committee of Peacemakers has released a statement by 29 Americans concerning their refusal to pay 1954 federal income taxes as a protest against preparation for war. Several Friends are included in the signers of the statement, which strongly protests the use of nuclear weapons, and the meeting of evil with evil.

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Gil Dodds, noted track star, was guest speaker at the interdenominational youth conference held in April at William Penn College. He spoke at the fellowship banquet on "Winning for Christ," and led a discussion group on "The Quiet Time," and spoke at Sunday evening and afternoon services. Among other speakers was Elwin Wines, Penn freshman who has spent six years with his parents at the Friends Africa Mission in Kenya Colony.

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Virginia Miller of Montebello, California, was appointed by the Board of Missions of California Yearly Meeting to their Central American field recently. Paul and Patsy Miller, who have been serving the Yorba Linda Friends Meeting, were appointed missionaries to Alaska. Flying instruction will be part of Paul Miller's training for this work. Anna Schanz of Marshalltown, Iowa, will be returning to the States for furlough in the late summer.

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A new association, "On Behalf of the Handicapped People of Connecticut," has been started recently with Paul Butterworth of the Hartford Friends Meeting as Chairman. The purpose of the organization is to aid in achieving a more normal, more creative and abundant life for physically handicapped people. The organization was launched by the physically handicapped group in New Britain hospital, and a number of Hartford Friends have responded.

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The annual Ministers and Workers Conference of Western Yearly Meeting was held at Westfield, Indiana, May 3 and 4. The Conference theme was "Evangelism, Its Potentials," with Thomas E. Jones, president of Earlham College, and Cecil E. Haworth, pastor of High Point Meeting in North Carolina, as guest speakers. Yearly Meeting leaders participating were Gail Freeman, Roberta Kellum, Glenn A. Reece, Keith Kirk, Mary Hiatt, and Everett Chapman.

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Canby Jones, who is finishing his doctoral thesis at Yale on the subject, "The Christology of George Fox," will travel among Friends in several midwestern Yearly Meetings this summer, spending two weeks in Indiana Yearly Meeting, and will be at the Quaker Haven Young Friends camp the last week in August. He will spend some time in Western Yearly Meeting and will itinerate among Friends in Kansas and Ohio (Damascus) Yearly Meetings.

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Arnold Vaught, well known New York Friend, has been appointed director of the Friends Center, 144 East 20th Street, New York City, which serves the entire metropolitan area. An Earlham graduate, he was a former missionary to China, served for a time as secretary of the Chicago Meeting, and more recently was an associate secretary of Church World Service. Eleanor W. Taber, who served as temporary secretary, is now living at Maple Glen, Pennsylvania.

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The Four Flats Quartet of George Fox College will leave in September for a ten week evangelistic tour in the orient. Under the Youth for Christ International and other evangelistic agencies, the group will visit in Korea, the Philippines, Japan and Formosa. Herschel Thornburg of Friendswood, Texas, will travel with the quartet. Members of the quartet include Norval Hadley and Ronald Crecelius, who are Friends pastors; Dick Cadd and Harlow Ankeny, public relations director at George Fox.

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From the Greensboro Daily News (North Carolina), in the Raleigh Notebook column on state legislative matters, came this item: "Also among the valiants: Reps. Grace Rodenbough of Stokes, Byron Haworth of Guilford, Smith Williams of Yadkin, are all members of the Friends Church, who seek the beginning of the end of barbarism of capital punishment and have previously had little chance to put over their views. They have carried on a vigorous campaign, however, and perhaps sown seed."

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Training conferences for 99 young student ministers who will serve as summertime visitors at the National Parks were held in five areas in April. Pendle Hill was the training center for one

group. The program is the work of the National Council of Churches' Department of Evangelism, which reports that the National Parks Ministry has served thousands of summertime visitors through worship services and personal counselling. The program includes twenty-one national parks and monuments.

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Kiyoshi Tanimoto, the Methodist minister who will accompany the "Hiroshima Maidens," who are to be given plastic surgery, from Japan to New York will be available for speaking engagements during the year he is here. The girls, who range in age from nineteen to twenty-four, are badly scarred from the atom bombing of Hiroshima. Their benefactor and champion has been Rev. Tanimoto, who was one of the key figures in John Hershey's *Hiroshima*. Interested Friends should write the Hiroshima Peace Center Associates, Box 24, Orange, New Jersey.

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A dozen do-it-yourself projects, geared to the activities of every member of the family, are offered in an activity kit by the American Friends Service Committee. Such a family project gives American families a channel through which they may share with families in other lands. Each kit contains directions for making soap, patterns for stockings or playthings, worship service material, descriptive material on the lives of overseas children, and a project for helping Korean widows and their children. Mary Esther McWhirter is editor of children's materials for the A.F.S.C., 20 S. 12th St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

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Devere Allen, Friend and Editor of Worldover Press, is the subject of the cover photo and a lengthy article in *Fellowship* for April 1955. Devere and Marie Allen have been editing a news service bureau for over twenty years, sending out dispatches to nearly 700 subscribing newspapers and magazines. They concentrate on news releases that will aid in international understanding and good will, or add facts not readily obtainable. Forty regular correspondents and sixty occasional writers send news from all over the world to Worldover Press at Wilton, Connecticut. *The American Friend*, along with many other religious publications, is a subscriber to this service.

Friendly Fellowship

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESTA — Because of an increasing Church School enrollment, Minneapolis Meeting is now engaged in a remodelling project to provide five new permanent class rooms in our present Meetinghouse. This new unit will be a memorial to Edgar Worrall, beloved member of Minneapolis Meeting who passed away on March 18.

Richard Ullman, an English Quaker of German background, recently completed a speaking tour in the United States under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee. Here he (left) chats with Merton Scott (center) of the Board on Peace and Social Concerns and Harold Alldis, minister of the Dublin, Indiana Meeting, at a tea held in his honor at Quaker Hill in Richmond, Indiana.

On April 17, Clarence E. Pickett, Honorary Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, spoke at the Meeting as part of our "Quaker Lecture Series." Along with two special lectures, a tea and fellowship hour for all members of the Wider Quaker Fellowship in the Twin City area was held.

Program plans are now complete for our 1955-1956 Meeting year. The general theme for this twelve month period will be, "How Does Our Meeting Grow?" Guest leaders who will be coming to Minneapolis for this emphasis are William Reagan of Richmond, Indiana, Douglas Steere of Haverford College, and Harold Walker, pastor of University Meeting in Wichita, Kansas.

During the summer months, many Friends from various parts of the country come to the Minnesota vacation land. This is a special invitation to visit the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and to share in a meeting for worship with Minneapolis Friends.

From time to time, word also arrives of Friends coming to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, or the University Hospital in Minneapolis. On such occasions a contact with Minneapolis Friends might be helpful, and the local pastor will be glad to offer any assistance possible. Our address and telephone number will be found in the Local Meeting Directory.

Richard Newby has accepted the call to serve as pastor of Minneapolis Meeting for the coming year. He will have completed eight years of pastoral work with Minneapolis Friends on September 1.

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MARION, INDIANA—Forty members, active and associate, have been welcomed into fellowship with First Friends in the ... year. Seven births are recorded ... Friends families. The pastor, Murray ... Johnson, held a series of instruct... classes in the beliefs and practices ... Friends during the winter months.

Recently a program of visitation ... every Friends home was promoted. ... plan was initiated in the interest ... deepening the spiritual life of the me... bers. Ellen Reec

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WICHITA, KANSAS—The annual obse... ance of Missions month was climaxed ... a banquet at Friends University Rec... ation Hall. We had the largest atte... ance we have ever experienced on s... an occasion. The theme of the even... was the twenty-first anniversary of ... establishment of our Mission in Afr... Ralph and Esther Choate were our h... ored guests and a "This is Your Li... program was presented, typifying th... lives and the growth of the Mission. ... large collection of school supplies ... presented to them for the Mission ... an electric record player was given ... the Choates.

A special program of every meml... worship was conducted during the ... weeks preceding Easter. All members ... the Church were urged to be pres... each Sunday and each week cards w... sent to absentees. During this empha... our pastor gave a series of sermons ... "Great Words in Religion." There wa... steady increase in interest and parti... pation, culminating in an attendance ... over eight hundred at our Easter servi... at which we welcomed over forty n... members. Mabel Woodarc

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SPICELAND, INDIANA — The Spicela... Church was filled to capacity on Eas... Sunday. The Easter was beautifu... portrayed at the Sunday school hour ... the color-sound film, "I Beheld ... Glory." The worship service follow... was attended by an estimated crowd ... six hundred. Earl Prignitz gave a v... forceful sermon on "The Victory ... Christ." At the close of the service ... hundred twelve new members were w... comed into church fellowship.

This was the result of an evangeli... visitation program carried on under ... direction of Earl and Ethel Prign... Seven teams met at the church on th... evenings in March. After a conferen... and a prayer service, each couple w... given the names of people to cont... The teams participating were Thom... and Harriet Evans, George and He... Wilson, Walter and Joann McCorm... Jr., Charles and Nelva Wilson, David a... Eva Griffin, John and Mabel Boyd a... Earl and Ethel Prignitz. Surely Je... has walked and talked in our commu... ity this Easter time. Bernice Eila...

GRINNELL, IOWA—Spring and returned pes are with the Meeting, hopes that will grow in numbers and along ritual lines. With the return of those 10 were away on winter vacations, the gular attendance is better.

A week of special meetings were held st before Easter. Charles Ball, presi-nt of William Penn College, opened e week of special meetings on April 3 d they were carried on by our faith-l pastor, Charles Whitely. Our meet-g also took part in the community ion services on Good Friday.

Several of the women of the Meeting tended the spring conference of the omen's Missionary Union held at Wil-m Penn College. A fine program was joyed by all, the special speaker being orothy Pitman, on furlough from frica.

Twenty-seven young people of the eeting enjoyed Easter breakfast to-ther. Plans for the Bible Vacation hool are underway. The High School aduates will be honored at a social ening in May. The Trust Seeker's Sun-y school class sponsored a mother-ughter banquet in early May.

Mrs. Harvey Mikel

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AMBOY, INDIANA—The Friendly Forum ld their annual Easter breakfast with r. Alvin Kiem of the E.U.B. Church as est speaker. Fifteen of our people sang the chorus of the Marion Easter pag-nt. Thirty-five new members were cognized and given a welcome on Eas-r morning.

Dolores Bowman, President of the diana Yearly Meeting U.S.F.W., was est speaker at the April luncheon rved in honor of new members. A oup of twenty-nine men of our meet-g attended the Indiana Yearly Meeting aker Men's Mid-Year Conference held Earlham College April 15. The Meet-ghouse choir of Earlham College sang our Meeting April 17, with James King d Grimsley Hobbs of the College as eakers.

Amboy Friends Meeting was happy to ceive the ministry of Errol T. Elliott their pre-Easter services. The con-egation singing was directed by John oyer of our community.

Rachel Godsey
Margie McAdams

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OSKALOOSA, IOWA—College Avenue riends Meeting cooperated with other skaloosa churches in an Attendance rusade this Spring. For the final week the Crusade, our Pastor, Duane Moon, as asked to lead local Pre-Easter "Vic-ry" Services. The incidents of Passion eek were the bases for the challenging oughts shared at these times. Our usic Director, Rex Steddom, arranged for all the musical contributions to the Services.

Our Meeting has had a membership growth of forty-three persons since Fall.

The total church program has been studied by our Pastor and a new plan introduced whereby each Monthly Meeting Committee has a major emphasis month during the year. During this emphasis month, the committee provides material for each weekly bulletin, there is one Sunday morning service planned to bring the work of the committee before the Meeting, and the Committee arranges a Sunday or Wednesday evening service. A minor emphasis for each Committee comes at a later time and consists of the Committee planning a short program for the adult Sunday school opening service or in some other way calling attention to its work. Rather than limit committee work to two emphases during the year, the plan tends to encourage a continual effort and a subsequent well balanced Committee program. The month of May will be Christian Education emphasis; April, Young Friends; March emphasis was Public Morals; February, Peace and Service, January, Missions; November, Stewardship; and October, Penn College.

Oskaloosa Quaker Men, organized in January, has completed its local Spring project of re-grading and rocking the parsonage driveway. Quaker Men have met monthly for Fellowship suppers.

Our Pastor is giving a series of studies on "Improving the Church School Program" to the Sunday school workers who meet monthly.

A room at the rear of the sanctuary has been remodelled for a Pastor's Study. Men of the Meeting assisted in the work.

Iola Cadwallader

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WATERVILLE, MAINE—A group of Friends in the vicinity of Waterville, Maine, began on May 1 a series of meetings to be held at the Y.M.C.A. on Temple street on Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock. The meetings are unprogrammed and visitors are welcomed. Friends travelling in this section who would like overnight accommodations may have them if we are notified.

Regular meetings are held at South China, East Vassalboro and North Fairfield. It has been felt there was need of a Meeting in Waterville and the venture is being started, hoping people who are interested in the work of Friends will attend. Those who belong to the Wider Quaker Fellowship are especially invited. Later it may be possible to have some speakers at the meetings.

Grace M. Frost
25 Winter Street
Waterville, Maine

On Sunday, April 3, some 200 Friends gathered to conduct a ground breaking ceremony on the site for the new Oak Hill Friends Meetinghouse at High Point, North Carolina. For the past eight years local Friends have been contributing toward a building fund that has now reached over $45,000. The new edifice is expected to cost approximately $90,000. R. Ernest Lamb, who was currently sharing in a series of evangelistic services at Oak Hill, spoke briefly, conveying greetings on behalf of the Five Years Meeting. Left to right above are R. Ernest Lamb, Cooledge Murrow, Bill Burton, Ruby Cross, J. Wade Russell, Alta Burton, Garland Cranford, Alma Burton, Ethel Newton, Janetta Hill, Blanche Fraley, Herschel M. Hill (Minister), and Seth Hinshaw, all of whom participated in the ground breaking ceremony

NEW CASTLE, INDIANA — Dedication services were held on March 20 at the New Castle Meeting. After many months of dreaming and hard work, the Meeting-room has been altered and redecorated and a new Wickes Pipe Organ installed. At the morning service the Wickes Organ was dedicated with Juanita Throckmorton, Meeting organist, at the console. Truman Whitaker, the pastor, used the delightful story, "Music on the Muscatatuck," from Jessmyn West's *Friendly Persuasion* as the basis for his message. At the evening service, Lawrence Apgar of Earlham College presented a dedicatory recital and Christine Furbay, an Earlham student, sang.

On April 19, nearly 175 persons gathered in the Meetinghouse for supper and to bid farewell to Truman and Justine Whitaker and their boys, Stephen, Roger and Timothy, who are moving soon to assume the pastorate of Plymouth Congregational Church, Maywood, Ill.

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XENIA, OHIO—Dr. Harold B. Kuhn conducted a series of three services at Xenia the week-end following Easter in which he presented his work in Europe among refugees and stricken families. "The Gospel That Liberates" was the theme which he followed.

While in Wilmington Yearly Meeting, he addressed the Young Friends Quarterly Conference at Jamestown, Sunday night, April 17. His slides, depicting the conditions in Berlin and other parts of Germany, showed the need for and the urgency of his mission. A challenge for Christian service was given. The response was very good.

D. Aldean Pitts

Edwin McGrew 1868-1955

Edwin McGrew, President Emeritus of William Penn College, passed away on April 27 at Altadena, California. He was a former pastor of the First Friends Church in Whittier and the First Friends Church in Pasadena.

He was born in Le Grand, Iowa, son of David Davis and Alpha Pearson McGrew. After education at William Penn College and Haverford, he received his D.D. degree at Whittier College. He came with his family to Whittier in 1910 and held the church pastorate during the years the present building was constructed. In 1918 he accepted a call to the presidency of William Penn College, remaining there until 1928 and returning there ten years later for another term of service. He served as pastor at Pasadena during his absence from the College.

His first wife. Edith Ware McGrew, died soon after the family moved from Whittier. He is survived by his second wife, Frances Mitchell McGrew; his daughter, Marion Woodard of Arcadia; two grandchildren, Marion Atherton of Azusa and John M. Woodard of Duarte; and five great grandchildren.

Leadership Announced for Conference on Ministry

An extensive leadership has been announced for the Five Years Meeting's Conference on the Friends Ministry, to be held at Quaker Hill, Richmond, Indiana, June 7, 8 and 9. Chairman of the conference is Herbert Huffman; Registrar is Harold N. Tollefson.

The opening message will be given Tuesday afternoon by Errol Elliott on "Christ's Call to the Ministry." The evening lecture will be given by Harold Walker on "The Friends Minister and Meeting Facing Today's World."

Panel members for the Wednesday morning discussion on the qualifications necessary for the ministry are Glenn A. Reece, Norval Webb, Furnas Trueblood, Leonard Hall, David Castle, Richard Newby and Milo Hinckle. Robert Rumsey will speak that afternoon, and Furnas Trueblood will give the Wednesday evening message.

Thursday morning will feature talks by Percy Thomas, Richard P. Newby and John C. Harvey, the latter two talking on the Urban Friends Minister and the Rural Friends Minister. The closing message on Thursday morning will be given by Keith Kirk.

Conferences of College Representatives and Yearly Meeting Committees on Ministerial Training, with William Berry and Orval Cox, respectively, as conveners, will be held at the same time as this conference. Several separate meetings as well as joint sessions are proposed.

Interested students and ministers should contact Harold Tollefson at 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, Indiana. All in attendance at the conference will receive free meals and lodging as guests of the Five Years Meeting Committee on Ministerial Training.

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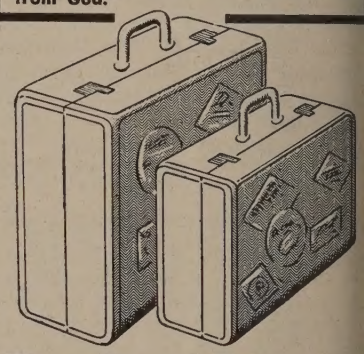

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BIRTHS

UGSPURGER—To Arden and Charlotte spurger of University Park, Iowa, a ghter, Debra Lynn, on March 28.

UGSPURGER—To Keith and Mary Augsger of Mt. View, Alaska, a son, Dan-Keith, on January 15.

UNDIN—To Milo and Jeanne Lundin of omo, Indiana, a son, Brian Joseph, on il 14.

COTT—To Charles Jr. and Dixie Scott William Penn College, Oskaloosa, a, a daughter, Cherisse Vanetta, on tember 6, 1954.

OTAW—To Dick and Doree Votaw of ttier, California, a daughter, Maret Ann, on January 8.

MARRIAGES

OMAN-GIBSON—Barbara Kull Gibson John Elburt Homan, on March 26, at home of the bride in Daly City, Calinia. The marriage ceremony was perned by W. J. Homan, the father of groom.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

ALLARD—Von and Maud Ballard celeted their fiftieth wedding anniversary December 26, 1954. They are members he Amboy Meeting, Indiana.

EMBERTON—Albert and Alta Vore Pemton celebrated their sixtieth wedding iversary on April 20 at West Milton, o. An informal reception was held the Friends Church. Their children Mary Helen and Charles Pemberton.

OWELL—Merle and Bessie Powell of Amboy, Indiana, Friends Meeting ebrated their fiftieth wedding annisary on February 20.

DEATHS

RAZIER—Orla Marenus Frazier, on Apr. at the home of his daughter in Wichita, nsas, aged ninety. He was born in one County, Indiana on July 4, 1864, son of Heber and Keziah Frazier. th his family he moved from Indiana Iowa when he was two years of age, l in the early 1870's moved again to borne County, Kansas. As a young n he went to Leavenworth County, nsas, where he was united in marriage Clara Woodward. In 1912 he took his nily to Gate, Oklahoma, so the chiln could have the advantage of the igious training at Laurence Friends ademy. He was a birthright member the Society of Friends and retained membership in the Gate Meeting unthe time of his death. He served willgly in the church in whatever capacity was called upon. His wife preceded n in death February 5, 1939. Survivg are three sons, Leon of Eddy, Oklama, Jesse and Harold of Wichita; two ughters, Mrs. Roy Chandler of Longnt, Colorado and Mrs. Glenn Barrett Wichita. Funeral services were in arge of Kenneth Miller, pastor of the te Meeting. Burial was in the Gate metery.

LONGSHORE—James M. Longshore, on bruary 12, in Watseka, Illinois, aged One of Watseka's most esteemed izens and civic leaders, he was widely own as a building contractor. He lived his entire life in Watseka and built many of the business houses and residences of this city, among them the Friends Church at the corner of Second and Locust streets which was erected in 1895 and served as a Meetinghouse until August, 1953, when the first service was held in the basement auditorium of the new church. He was an interested member and an active worker in the church. He was married September 9, 1886 to Estella Aye and the couple observed their 68th wedding anniversary last autumn at their home in Watseka. Surviving besides the wife are three children, Edna Plankael, Helen McCown, both of Watseka, and James Longshore of Brazil, Indiana. Funeral services were in charge of William S. Abram and burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

STANLEY—Sarah Marie Peery Stanley, on April 24. She was the wife of Adrian Stanley of Terre Haute, Indiana. She grew up in the Sugar Plain Meeting near Thorntown, Indiana. She graduated from Penn College and after teaching two years in the Thorntown school was united in marriage to Adrian Stanley and lived in Des Moines, Iowa, until 1946, when the family moved to Terre Haute. She is survived by her husband and five children: Helen Stangeland of Gilman, Iowa, Carolyn Harlon of near Terre Haute, Marvin, Margaret and Richard, still at home, and four grandchildren. Her two surviving brothers are Herschel C. Peery of Thorntown, Indiana, and Loren L. Peery of Fayetteville, Ohio.

URIE—Caroline Foulke Urie, on April 3, at Cleveland, Ohio, aged eighty-one. An active pacifist and advocate of Gandhian non-violent resistence, Caroline Urie carried on correspondence and urged action for peace up until the time of her death. Born in Richmond, Indiana, she was a resident of Yellow Springs, Ohio, for many years. In her youth she was a volunteer worker under Jane Addams in Chicago's famous Hull House. Among her writings were two books of poetry and the autobiographical *Pilgrimage of Protest.*

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Alhambra, California—Alhambra Friends Community Church, 1209 South Seventh Street. Church School 9:30. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Vesper Worship 7:30 p.m. Minister, George E. Jenkins. Phone ATlantic 435-11.

Anderson, Indiana — First Friends Church, Chase and Tenth Sts. Bible School 9:30; Worship Service 10:45; C. E. 6:30; Gospel Service 7:30. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Raymond V. Breaker, Pastor. Phone 2-8763.

Berkeley, California — Friends Memorial Church, Fulton Street at Channing Way. Morning Worship, 11 o'clock; Bible Study, 6:00. John Spitler, minister, 2130 Channing Way, phone Res. As. 3-6170; Office Th 3-7531 (Th—Thornwall; As—Ashberry).

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